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Case No. 9793/73

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Johann Karl et al.

Serial No.: 09/890,442

Examiner: James Leslie Grun, Ph.D.

Filed: January 31, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1641

For: Assay for the Detection of
N-Terminal proBNP

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to a Final Office Action dated May 4, 2004 for a period of 2 month(s).

Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

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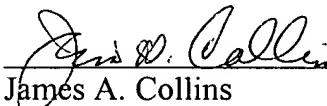
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<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$420 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 4, 2004


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